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1. Airports Council International

Special, 1974

I. Introduction

The Airports Council International is the association of the world's airports. It is a non-profit organization that fosters cooperation among its member airports and with other partners in world aviation, including governmental, airline, air navigation and aircraft manufacturing organizations. The organization's broad areas of activity include airport safety, aviation security, aviation environmental protection, airport planning, design and operation, airport economics, facilitation and services and airport information technology. The organization has observer status with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and counts 575 members operating more than 1,630 airports in 179 countries and territories. In 2009, the organization's member airports handled 4.8 billion passengers, 80 million tons of freight and mail and 74 million aircraft movements.

Aims and purposes of the organization

During the reporting period, the organization presented the views of its member airports and directed its efforts at promoting the development of international civil aviation. The chief priorities of the organization are safety, security, airport economics, customer service and environmental sustainability.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization continues to expand its cooperation with ICAO and its training branch through existing agreements for professional airport staff training programmes and new agreements to enhance and extend airport safety courses. The organization maintains close cooperation with ICAO and attends and represents the world's airports at all ICAO triennial assemblies and international conferences. During the reporting period, the organization's experts contributed to the work and attended the meetings of numerous ICAO panels, committees, study groups and working groups. The organization maintains contacts on topics of mutual concern with the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations World Tourism Organization, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

2. Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts has members who have served in the United Nations and its specialized agencies in their respective fields and are international experts from different countries of the world. The organization has observer status with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and is accredited to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and objectives of the organization are to utilize the accumulated professional experiences of its members to support developing countries and implement their priority programmes and projects. It also cooperates with United Nations organizations, intergovernmental bodies, governments and enterprises.

B. Significant changes in the organization

With a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the organization has set new global developmental goals to reshape its activities and programmes, including advocacy in the areas of the environment, cleaner and renewable energy and food security.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization prepared and presented statements at every session of the Industrial Development Board and the General Conferences of UNIDO. Those statements focused on the major agenda items that were relevant to the achievement of the Goals. It also reviewed a chapter of a book prepared by UNIDO on the Montreal Protocol.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization is continuing its efforts for the achievement of the Goals through advocacy and by presenting concrete proposals for accelerating the process of their achievement in its statements at sessions of both the Industrial Development Board and the General Conferences of UNIDO. The organization signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization and

participated in and presented papers at two of its conferences. It cooperated with the New Partnership for Africa's Development and prepared a concept paper on the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in Africa, on which theme its assistance was requested by the African Union in 2009 for the preparation for an expert group meeting.

3. Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy is dedicated to implementing market-based approaches to reducing pollution and providing a diverse, secure mix of energy resources. Through its extensive national and international network, the organization works on issues pertaining to climate change, international financing, clean energy tax equity and global market development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

In both its domestic and international work, the organization aims to promote strategies that accelerate the use of efficient, renewable energy technologies and natural gas. At the international level, the organization calls for a strong, post-2012 international climate change agreement in the areas of market-based approaches, such as the Clean Development Mechanism, cap-and-trade systems and carbon offsets. It also calls for an international financing framework that stimulates technology transfer and transformational investment in clean energy technologies and projects worldwide, as well as capacity-building initiatives that foster enabling environments attractive to clean energy investments, strong intellectual property rights that reward innovation and spur investment in clean technology, and a private sector role in the design and implementation of post-2012 systems. The mission of the organization is to provide a cohesive and credible voice for the global sustainable energy industry in international climate change discussions. It formalizes the strategic alliance between the Council, the organization and the Australian Clean Energy Council, and represents companies and organizations from around the world.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's main area of contribution is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization was represented at meetings of UNFCCC and the subsidiary bodies under the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to promote the use of

existing clean energy technologies and the beneficial role they can play in achieving global greenhouse gas emissions, and representatives made statements before plenary sessions. In addition to participating in the twelfth and fifteenth sessions of the Conference of Parties to the Convention and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technological Advice at their twenty-fourth to thirtieth sessions, the organization also participated in the fifth sessions of both the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action. During the above-mentioned meetings, the organization hosted or co-sponsored several side events on various themes.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 7. The advocacy work of the organization indirectly supports sustainable development by calling for national policies and an international agreement that would immediately reduce global greenhouse gas emissions that are damaging to the climate and natural resources shared by all countries. The transition by countries to a low-carbon future would enhance the sustainability of our planet, create new jobs in the deployment of clean energy technologies and improve the quality of life for the world's citizens.

4. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network promotes the human rights of people living with and vulnerable to HIV/AIDS in Canada and throughout the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's vision is a world in which the human rights and dignity of people living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by the disease are respected and fulfilled and where laws and policies facilitate HIV prevention efforts as well as care, treatment and support for people with HIV/AIDS.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization (a) authored and co-published with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) a "best practice" monograph on using the courts to protect human rights related to HIV, entitled "Courting rights: case studies in litigating the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS" (2006); (b) provided consultative advice to UNAIDS on regional HIV laws in a session involving parliamentarians, civil society organizations and UNAIDS, held in Dakar in July 2007; (c) provided international consultative advice

to UNAIDS and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the criminalization of HIV transmission, in Geneva in October and November 2007, as well as assistance in crafting the UNAIDS policy brief: Criminalization of HIV Transmission, in August 2008; (d) attended the fifty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna in March 2008; (e) participated in the first meeting of UNAIDS International Task Team on HIV-related Travel Restrictions, held in Geneva in April 2008; (f) provided consultative advice to the United Nations Office at Vienna for the "Beyond 2008" review of global drug control policy by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

The organization also participated in the General Assembly High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, held at United Nations Headquarters in June 2006. An accredited representative of the organization also participated in the fiftieth to fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including informal side events.

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with UNAIDS through the provision of technical assistance, including the development of proposals with support from UNAIDS and UNDP, and developed the AIDS and Law Exchange, a multilingual website for sharing information and materials related to HIV, law and human rights, as well as a means for connecting human rights advocates from around the world and providing resources to a wide range of users. In 2009, the organization provided technical assistance to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with regard to a project on legislative assessment and reform in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan aimed at strengthening "universal access" to HIV prevention, care, treatment and support.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 6. The organization is involved in initiatives such as capacity-building and technical assistance to NGOs working on AIDS-related legal and human rights issues in various countries, including Botswana, China, Georgia, Malawi, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Ukraine and Zambia. It has developed human rights-based legislative resources to promote the rights of women in the context of HIV/AIDS and the human rights of people with drug dependence. The organization has worked on reform of intellectual property law at both the World Trade Organization and within Canada to facilitate developing countries' access to more affordable pharmaceuticals to treat HIV/AIDS and address other public health. It continues to advocate in Canada and during the universal periodic review process for access to evidence-based health services for people who use drugs and people in prisons.

5. Couple to Couple League International

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Couple to Couple League International teaches and promotes natural family planning to couples in various countries throughout the world. The work of the organization is focused on Central and South America, in countries such as Argentina, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as Cameroon, the Czech Republic, India and Poland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to promote chastity in marriage, to teach natural family planning and encourage its application, to provide instruction in and promote breastfeeding, to strengthen families by increasing the use of natural family planning, and to participate in the mission of the Catholic Church to teach the divine truth about love, marriage and sexuality.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 5. During the reporting period, despite its scarcity of funds, the organization provided instruction on natural family planning to couples in Cameroon, Colombia, Honduras, India and Mexico, teaching them how to identify the fertile and infertile periods of the female reproductive cycle, and thus, how to responsibly postpone or avoid pregnancy. The natural family planning method advanced by the organization is 99 per cent effective. In addition, the organization explains the effect that breastfeeding has in delaying women's fertility and how women can determine the return of fertility whether breastfeeding or bottle-feeding. The organization teaches couples about how basic nutrition has a positive influence on the fertility cycle and on general health.

6. International Cooperative Alliance

General, 1946

I. Introduction

Founded in 1895, the International Cooperative Alliance unites, represents and serves cooperatives worldwide to bring together nearly 1 billion individuals through its 245 member organizations from 89 countries. It has regional offices for Africa, the Americas, the Asia-Pacific region and Europe and maintains sectoral organizations

in agriculture, banking, consumer, fisheries, health, housing, insurance and workers' production.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to promote and strengthen autonomous cooperatives throughout the world. It has strengthened its relationship with the United Nations and its specialized agencies through its participation in the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives in which the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and ILO are members.

B. Significant changes in the organization

New statutes were adopted in 2008 and revised in 2009, in which the organization reiterated the importance of working and supporting the United Nations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provides support to the work of the United Nations on technical issues related to cooperatives and how cooperatives address a wide range of economic and social issues. It provides technical expertise and mobilizes cooperative stakeholders in the collection of information for the biennial preparation of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (A/64/132). The organization provided input to the background note prepared by the Secretariat on cooperatives, which was sent to Member States with the questionnaire for the preparation of the 2009 report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives. It also supports the United Nations by issuing annual statements for the International Day of Cooperatives and International Women's Day. These statements reach more than 2,000 recipients worldwide; the member organizations and partners disseminate the statements at the national and local levels in all languages. The organization began planning and coordinating its activities with the Secretariat following the proclamation of the International Year of Cooperatives by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/136.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

In May 2006, the organization provided technical support to the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in organizing an expert group meeting on cooperatives and employment, held in Shanghai, China. The organization also participated in a number of sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on the Status of Women. It attended the expert group meeting entitled "Cooperatives in a world in crisis" for the International Year of Cooperatives, and provided input on the objectives, desired outcomes, programmes and activities, resource requirements and partnerships for the International Year.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization and ILO shared a senior staff position to support the work of the Cooperative Branch of ILO, including the Cooperative Facility for Africa's technical cooperation programme. The organization contributed to several joint publications with ILO and participated in the ILO fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting in 2007. An ILO representative addressed the organization's general assembly in 2007 and its Americas Regional Assembly in 2008. The organization participated in the celebrations to mark World Child Labour Day in 2007, which led to further work on child labour and cooperatives. The organization is represented on a number of committees of FAO and WHO Codex Alimentarius and provides technical input to the work of FAO on agricultural and fisheries cooperatives. The organization, through its sectoral organization on health, has regular consultations with WHO.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization has a number of capacity-building programmes for agricultural and fisheries cooperatives. It also issued a statement to mark International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in 2006 and in 2007, and launched a website developed jointly with ILO called "Cooperating out of poverty" (http://www.ica.coop/outofpoverty).

Goal 3. The organization, in its recently adopted statutes, has reiterated its goal to "promote equality between men and women in all decision-making and activities within the cooperative movement".

Goal 6. The organization's strategy to fight HIV/AIDS is being implemented at the regional level in the Asia-Pacific region and Africa.

Goal 7. The organization focused the attention of cooperatives on the issue of sustainable development and climate change, including through the adoption of resolutions at general assemblies in 2007 and 2009. It also launched regional climate change programmes in Europe and in the Americas.

7. Mental Disability Rights International

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Mental Disability Rights International is an international human rights organization dedicated to protecting the rights of people with mental disabilities. The organization documents abuses against children and adults with disabilities, trains activists and collaborates with advocacy groups working to bring about sustainable reforms in their own countries. Its reports have brought world attention to human rights violations in 25 countries in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Americas, including through the showing of its video clips on CNN, ABC's Nightline, NBC's Dateline, BBC World News and on other outlets worldwide. The organization has been profiled in *The New York Times Magazine* and its advocacy

campaigns have been supported by editorials in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. The American Association of Persons with Disabilities conferred the prestigious Henry A. Betts award on the organization's founder and Executive Director, Eric Rosenthal, for his pioneering work in the field of international human rights advocacy for people with disabilities and described the recent adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as being in no small part due to his role in promoting disability rights as human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's top priority is its worldwide campaign against the institutionalization of children with disabilities.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2007, the organization's Executive Director and Associate Director helped draft the 2008 report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, on the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights (A/HRC/7/11). In 2007 and 2008, the organization submitted materials and documentation on abuses in Serbia to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. In April 2010, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) requested copies of the media coverage of the organization's work in Serbia to conduct trainings for United Nations staff.

Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

A consultant of the organization participated in the seventh and eighth sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities. The organization's Executive Director and Associate Director testified in front of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishments during the OHCHR expert seminar on freedom from torture and persons with disabilities, concerning abuses against children with disabilities documented by the organization in Serbia, held in Geneva in December 2007. The director of the organization's Serbia office testified on the issue of abuses in Serbia during the forty-first session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva in November 2008, and at the high-level conference on the prevention of torture in Serbia, held in Belgrade in March 2009.

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has made significant contributions to the drafting, implementation and monitoring of the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, the Convention against Torture and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

8. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides services to families and professionals in the United States of America for the prevention of abducted, endangered and sexually exploited children.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works in partnership with the United States Department of Justice to find missing children, reduce the incidence of child sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization. It is mandated by the United States Congress to perform 20 specific tasks.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2006, the United States Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act was signed into law, making the Center the lead organization in reuniting families during major national disasters and tragedies. It is charged with establishing and operating the new National Emergency Child Locator Center. With an overall mandate to help reunite children with their parents and guardians, the main responsibilities of the organization are to (a) establish a toll-free hotline to receive reports of displaced children; (b) create a website to provide information about displaced children; (c) deploy staff to the location of a declared disaster event to gather information about displaced children; (d) provide information to the public about additional resources; (e) partner with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies during major disasters in the United States; and (f) refer reports of displaced adults to the Attorney General's designated authority and the National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization continues to support and advance the mission of the United Nations through the broad reach of many of its programmes and activities across the world against child pornography and exploitation.

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 4. The organization focuses its resources on the global initiative to eradicate commercial child pornography. The work of its financial coalition against child pornography has been the springboard for the development of the European Financial Coalition as well as the Asia Pacific Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography.

9. Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini works to strengthen democracy through the empowerment of elected representatives at all levels, as well as functionaries of civil society organizations and to engage with the general public through training, research and awareness programmes.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main course of action comprises capacity-building, research and public awareness activities.

B. Significant changes in the organization

The most significant change in the organization is the strengthening of its international wing through the communication and public awareness assignment of the Global Ballast Water Management Project of the IMO and UNDP.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the accomplishment of the mission of the United Nations by strengthening democracy and empowering civil society, for example by developing human resources for effective democratic governance. The organization participated in and made a statement at the 2010 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, held at Headquarters.

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization, which provides assistance to the families of farmers who have committed suicide, launched a special project in 2007 entitled "*Annadata Sukhi Bhava*" (let the food-giver live in satisfaction) to supports farmers' widows and make arrangements for the education of their children.

10. Saviya Development Foundation

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Saviya Development Foundation is a community-based, charitable and non-profit organization founded in 1991 to fulfil the basic needs of low-income families and establish a prosperous society imbued with moral values, dignity and self-respect. Its vision is to build up a prosperous and a cultured civil society through the empowerment of the civil community, and its mission is to fulfil basic community needs and safeguard human rights based on a participatory methodology.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to alleviate poverty by fulfilling basic needs and creating employment. It works for socio-economic and environmental development, conservation and the rehabilitation of people with special needs. The organization facilitates health care through awareness programmes and by providing basic sanitary requirements. It aims to develop the skills of the youth through special education and vocational training. It is also involved in disaster preparedness and relief, conflict prevention and peacebuilding, women's development, the fulfilment of basic community needs, community mental health development and the promotion of rural people's knowledge of democracy and good governance. The organization focuses on social and community mobilization to fight against poverty and to strengthen self-reliance and confidence and social security.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated in the seventh session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to Combat Desertification and the first special session of the Committee on Science and Technology held in Istanbul, Turkey, in November 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with UNDP, FAO, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Democracy Fund and the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization identified 7,500 persons from low-income families in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka who do not have access to employment or proper income. The youths were given vocational training, entrepreneurship training and loans to start small enterprises or businesses.

Goal 3. Since 2008, the organization has given economic assistance to low-income women in the Galle District of Sri Lanka, including the provision of 112 cows, 80 goats, 400 chickens, agricultural equipment, fertilizer, seeds and plants. Training was also provided in new agricultural technologies, sustainable methods of cultivation and using fertilizer. The organization established a centre to provide women with vocational training in non-traditional fields such as aluminium fabrication.

Goal 5. The organization launched a programme in Galle District to provide 428 mentally ill women with medicine, counselling and access to mental clinics, as needed.

Goal 6. The organization has an HIV awareness programme for prospective migrant women and an HIV prevention programme for drug users. A centre has also been established, including HIV and drug prevention clinics.

Goal 7. The organization runs a wetland conservation programme in Madu Ganga, Sri Lanka. Every year, the organization holds art and essay competitions to mark the World Day to Combat Desertification.

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1. Church World Service

Special, 1974

I. Introduction

Founded in 1946, the Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations in the United States of America. During the reporting period, its annual budget was $70 million. The organization has regional programme offices in Nairobi, Bangkok, Buenos Aires and Belgrade, and maintains country programme offices in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakistan and Viet Nam.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with various church bodies, faith groups, NGOs, community-based organizations and local communities, as well as with the Government of the United States, to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization established a new internal departmental structure.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

In 2008, the organization was involved in a panel discussion, co-sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), on gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of HIV and AIDS, as a side event at the 2008 High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on AIDS, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization attended annual meetings in Geneva with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on resettlement and on NGOs. It is also a member of several working groups of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, that deal with matters related to the work of such bodies as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The organization works with the inter-agency steering committee on NGOs and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization constructed sand dams in arid regions of western Kenya that provide water for drinking and irrigation to improve hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and crop yield.

Goal 2. The organization's "School safe zones" programme in Kenya provides safe and attractive community institutions to improve education and retention in schools.

Goal 4. The organization focuses its strategy on hunger, malnutrition and long-term child development needs. Its programme in Cambodia aims at improving child and maternal nutrition and health and helping communities sustain those improvements. The organization also works with the World Food Programme to provide food supplements for pregnant women, children aged 6 to 24 months and their mothers.

2. Ecopeace-Middle East Environmental NGO Forum

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Ecopeace-Middle East Environmental NGO Forum brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists, and has offices in all three countries. Its aim is to protect its members' shared environmental heritage and advance sustainable regional development and the creation of the necessary conditions for lasting peace.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is a project-oriented NGO that adopts an advocacy approach to address issues such as the environment and peacebuilding. Using local researchers to ascertain the root causes of problems, it develops a common vision to influence decision makers, the media and the general public.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization established a number of new affiliations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization attended the Climate Change Conferences in 2007 and 2008 and the Climate Change Summit, held in Copenhagen in December 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with UNEP within the framework of publications concerning Gaza.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization carried out tours, activities and awareness-raising campaigns on sustainable water management and issued several publications on water, pollution and natural resources. The organization held workshops and conferences on climate change and sustainable development, and received several awards in recognition of its work. It also raised money for grey water/rainwater collection systems in schools and municipal buildings, to provide drinking water otherwise not available, and set up a project to create wastewater treatment plants in Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian communities.

3. Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya is a non-profit and non-partisan NGO that aims to create a society free from discrimination against women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to ensure that women are free from all forms of injustice based on gender, class, ethnic origin, physical disability or religious belief. The organization has received several awards for its work, which includes the provision of family mediation services and legal aid to indigent women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization published and disseminated brochures presenting the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee against Torture and the agreed conclusions of the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It also participated in activities in support of global principles such as International Women's Day, Human Rights Day, World Population Day, the Day of the African Child and World AIDS Day.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated in the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2006, at which it presented a shadow statement on the theme of enhanced participation of women in development.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization received support from the United Nations Development Programme for its projects on women's advocacy and women's participation. It also received support from the United Nations Population Fund for its gender sensitization activities.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2. The organization carried out campaigns against sexual violence in schools, and provided training to teachers and education officers on gender, human rights and gender-based violence in schools.

Goal 3. The organization lobbied parliamentarians to pass legislation on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

4. Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Flora Tristan Peruvian Women's Center works to enhance women's human rights and to foster gender justice in policies and processes on development and human rights. It is an active member of the Peruvian chapter of the Latin American Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to combat the structural causes that limit women's rights as citizens and/or their ability to exercise those rights. Its aim is to expand women's citizenship and develop policies and processes characterized by gender equity and justice.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in briefings on violence against women and the events in 2009 in Bagua Province, Peru, during the visit to the Amazon region of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization attended events held in parallel with the Third High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, held in Accra in 2008, including the International Women's Forum, co-sponsored by the United Nations Development Fund for Women. It also participated in a conference organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Quito in 2007, and a meeting of women networks as part of the 15-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization produced shadow reports in 2007 and 2009 on the advancement of the Goals.

5. Guild of Service

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Guild of Service is a charitable society dedicated to the empowerment of women and children, aimed at helping them make informed choices and take control of their lives.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides preventive, protective and development services to rehabilitate marginalized sections of society. It works to empower women and ensure the fulfilment of human rights, irrespective of class, caste, gender or race. The aim of the organization is the achievement of global peace, communal harmony and national unity through mutual respect for cultural, political and social values.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization changed its name from the Guild of Service to the Guild for Service, to underscore the wide spectrum of projects it undertakes to empower marginalized women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization received support from UNIFEM to conduct a survey on widows in Vrindavan, India, and disseminate its findings. It held workshops in 2006 on the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and

encouraged other NGOs to work on the developmental issues supported by the Committee. The organization also received support from UNIFEM to hold an international seminar on widows, which led to a panel discussion on this theme at a session of the Committee on the Status of Women.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participates in meetings of the Committee on the Status of Women and review meetings on the Beijing Platform for Action.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNIFEM on its advocacy work on women's issues. It also worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations information centres, and is a member of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. The organization also participated in the UNIFEM campaign to end violence against women.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization offers training and education in homes and shelters for destitute women in Vrindavan, and for women and children affected by conflict in Indian-administered Kashmir.

Goal 3. The organization is involved in workshops, seminars, publications and lectures for the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill in India, and conducts awareness classes to provide women with access to legal resources.

6. Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue is an independent foundation based in Geneva. It has regional offices in Nairobi and Singapore, and a presence in New York.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overall goal of the organization is to help improve the global response to armed conflict by mediating between warring parties and providing support to the broader mediation community.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization sits on the steering committee of a study led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on the engagement of non-state actors to prevent sexual violence. It was also involved in the United Nations initiative against sexual violence in conflict, and facilitated a colloquium on the subject, held in New York in June 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported the implementation of the Protocol on the Resolution of the Conflict in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile States, in the Sudan, and it continues to advise the parties to the conflict in collaboration with the United Nations Mission in the Sudan. It provided support and advice on power-sharing and the legal aspects of mediation to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and the United Nations Political Office for Somalia. Representatives of the organization also worked with the African Union-United Nations Joint Mediation Support Team to support the Darfur peace talks.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3. During the reporting period, the organization was involved in several events for the prevention of sexual violence. It also organized a round-table discussion with high-level conflict mediators, to provide technical guidance for the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1820 (2008) (S/2009/362).

Goal 8. The organization was involved in seminars, workshops and exercises for mediators and envoys, to support the mediation mandate of the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States.

7. Hope for the Nations

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

Hope for the Nations, an NGO based in British Columbia, Canada, focuses on helping children at risk around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to provide children with the basic necessities of love, health care, education, a healthy community and self-sufficiency. It works in over 20 nations around the world, in partnerships with individuals and organizations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization is the coordinating NGO in Canada for the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network. The organization was represented at the 2006 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva, and at the first meeting of the Canadian NGO Informal Regional Network, held in Paris.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributes to an annual event focused on the Goals, aimed at allowing organizations and the community to become more aware of local NGOs and what they do. It is an opportunity to build networks with people working internationally and locally, who are also working towards achieving the Goals.

8. New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Founded in 1963, the New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties is a non-party and non-sectarian organization that works at the state and federal level to protect and promote the human rights of all Australians.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to maintain and protect the rights and liberties of persons living in Australia and its territories against infringement of rights or abuse of powers. It also works to recover and enlarge those rights and liberties by vigilance, publicity, legal action and advice, protest, assistance to individuals and other appropriate means.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes and defends human rights in Australia, and has lobbied to ensure that human rights relating to torture, censorship, citizenship and law are

observed in legislation and policy. It has also defended principles such as freedom of expression and privacy.

Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization submitted shadow reports to the Human Rights Committee and the Committee against Torture. It was also represented at the thirty-ninth session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva in 2007, and at the ninety-fifth session of the Human Rights Committee, held in New York in 2009.

9. People's Decade of Human Rights Education

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

People's Decade for Human Rights Education is an independent, international organization with a presence in Africa, Western and Eastern Europe, North and South America and South Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization and its affiliates around the world raise awareness about human rights among people and communities at all levels of society.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, facilitates discussions and meetings on a range of human rights issues. The organization participated in exhibitions and discussions held in Geneva and New York on the Millennium Development Goals and human rights. It also participated in the World Urban Forum of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), held in Nanjing, China, in 2008.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization worked with the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right to education, supporting his presentation on education and arranging for him to address various audiences. It also published and disseminated a manual on

human rights and a manual on freedom of religion. The organization held numerous side events on human rights at meetings of United Nations agencies.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked with UN-Habitat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. It worked with the Permanent Missions of Benin and Switzerland on presentations to the Third Committee of the General Assembly, and held side events with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education. The organization has also engaged in human rights discussions with the United Nations Children's Fund, UNDP and the United Nations Alliance of Civilization.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization held several side events and published articles on the Goals, addressing, in particular, rights aspects of the Goals.

10. Womankind Worldwide

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Womankind Worldwide is an international women's human rights and development charity based in London. It works to transform women's lives around the world, in partnership with 33 women's rights organizations in 13 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to the implementation of international standards, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action. Its aim is a world where women are equal, secure, respected and proud. The organization works with women's organizations around the world to combat violence against women and support women's rights and their active role in society.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the organization implemented a new organizational strategy to mobilize political will and resources for women's rights and development. During the reporting period, it also withdrew from programmes in India and Nicaragua and developed a new programme of work in Nepal.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provided advice and support for the creation of a new gender equality architecture at the United Nations, for which it was the focal point in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization facilitated the participation of its partner organizations in the Commission on the Status of Women.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2006, the organization provided input to the Secretary-General's in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, and worked with UNIFEM to produce a submission to the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on System-wide Coherence. In 2007, the organization participated in a round-table discussion by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on violence against women in schools.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization works to reduce poverty and hunger by supporting and funding women's organizations around the world.

Goal 3. The organization works to promote gender equality and women's empowerment, with a particular focus on ending violence against women and increasing women's civil and political participation and resources.

Goals 4 and **5**. The organization's partners provide a number of services, including health care to mothers and children, access to safe contraception and reproductive health advice.

Goal 6. The organization's partners provide information, support and advice on HIV and AIDS, as well as testing, home-based care and nutrition.

Goal 7. The organization's partner in Ethiopia is involved in reforestation and provides seedlings for farmers and local communities.

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1. Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action is a regional network of feminists, researchers, activists and women's organizations that defines feminist politics as a matter involving both consciousness and action. Its members represent the entire Caribbean region and its diaspora. The organization is involved in the Caribbean women's movement, with networks in 17 Caribbean countries.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims at achieving individual and societal transformation to create a climate of social justice. It facilitates and meets the needs of the regional women's movement and encourages regional collaboration and solidarity.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization expanded its intervention and prevention work in the area of natural disasters, which have a significant effect on women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization holds annual International Women's Day celebrations. The organization is represented at the annual sessions of the Commission for the Status of Women, and took part in the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, held in New York in 2009.

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization performed research for alternative reports and collected feedback from its networks in preparation for the 15-year review of the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, both held in 2010.

2. Catholics for Choice

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Catholics for Choice non-profit organization engaged in education, advocacy and outreach activities in the United States of America and other countries around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to establish sexual and reproductive ethics that are based on justice, reflect a commitment to women's well-being and respect and affirm the capacity of women and men to make moral decisions about their lives. It works to ensure that all people have access to safe and affordable reproductive health-care services and to infuse the core values of the organization into public policy, community life and Catholic social thinking and teaching. The organization is involved in debates on faith, women's health and reproductive justice and is committed to policy and cultural changes concerning sexuality and reproduction.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization published and submitted shadow reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy in selected countries. It participates in United Nations forums at the global and regional levels, sponsors events and partners with religious coalitions active in the United Nations system.

A. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has built relationships with a number of United Nations missions, particularly those of European donor countries, to which it provides ongoing political analysis on the work of the Catholic Church and its allies.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has worked with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in support of the Goals. Its aim is to convince three religious organizations each year to explicitly endorse the Millennium Goals and/or goals of the International Conference on Population and Development. It has also engaged in specific actions to raise awareness about the importance of sexual and reproductive human rights in the achievement of the Goals.

3. Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology provides education, training and technical consulting in water and sanitation to organizations working with the poor in developing countries. Its services have been used in projects to improve water and sanitation that have impacted 3.6 million people. The organization raises awareness and engages youth and communities in Canada and worldwide to become involved in water conservation.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to breed individual successes by meeting basic water and sanitation needs. It provides technical training and consulting and acts as a centre of expertise in water and sanitation for the poor in developing countries. The organization values equitable opportunities, sustainable solutions and collaborative and inclusive processes. It also recognizes and accepts differences in cultural, religious and political processes.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization greatly increased the size and global scope of its membership.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization was represented at the fourth World Water Forum, held in Mexico in 2006. It also worked in Ethiopia, Kenya and the Philippines as part of the World Health Organization network to promote household water treatment and safe storage, and was invited by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to participate in discussions on increasing household water treatment, held in New York in 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization received assistance from UNICEF to evaluate biosand filter projects. It also provided training and consulting support and shared educational materials with civil servants in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Sierra Leone and Uganda. The organization was involved in projects run by the United

Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal and Viet Nam, and worked with the office of UNICEF in Afghanistan and the World Health Organization in South-East Asia.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The goals and activities of the organization are directly targeted at poverty alleviation, water and sanitation provision, education and capacity-building.

4. Centre for Women, the Earth, the Divine

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Centre for Women, the Earth, the Divine explores the parallels between images and the treatment of women and the Earth, and how our images of the divine relate to those parallels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides education on spirituality and healing through the traditions of Christianity and other religions. It organizes talks, workshops, publications and retreats, and produces a seasonal newsletter for its membership.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Sustainable Development NGO annual conference organized by the Department of Public Information.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization sponsored events to mark World Water Day on clean and safe water, water scarcity, water rights and how those issues particularly affect women and children. It also published an article on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, with reference to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. In 2009, it published an article on indigenous women and climate change, based on data from the *State of World's Population 2009*, published by UNPFA.

5. China Disabled Persons' Federation

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Established in 1988, the China Disabled Persons' Federation works for the 83 million people with disabilities in China. Headquartered in Beijing, and commissioned by the Government to supervise affairs relating to people with disabilities, it has a nationwide umbrella network reaching every part of China with about 80,000 full-time workers.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization represents the interests of people with disabilities in China, whose legitimate rights it helps protect and to whom it provides services. It is committed to promoting humanitarianism and the integration and human rights of people with disabilities.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the former Chair of the organization was promoted to a position of State leadership, an event that improved the organization's ability to influence Government policymaking on disability. During the reporting period, the organization also increased its geographical distribution and the number of its staff.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization was influential in making China one of the first States parties to the 2006 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It also made annual financial contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), events of which were sponsored by the organization. The President of the organization also visited United Nations Headquarters in New York in November 2006 to promote the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games, held in Shanghai.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization was represented at the seventh and eighth sessions of the ad hoc drafting committee for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It also attended an ESCAP seminar on the Convention, held in Bangkok in July 2006, and various sessions of the Commission for Social Development. The organization was represented at the meeting held in Geneva in 2008 to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and at the

first session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2009. The organization also participated in a seminar organized by the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council to monitor the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities of Persons with Disabilities, held in Doha in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the International Labour Organization to promote employment opportunities for people with mental illness and/or intellectual disability, and was involved in a project with the United Nations Development Fund for Women on the status of women with disabilities. It also worked with UNICEF on the integration of children with disabilities into the mainstream of society.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the Goals through its efforts to improve the situation of people with disabilities in China, including programmes related to rehabilitation, education, employment and poverty alleviation.

6. Chinese Immigrants Services

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Chinese Immigrants Services is a non-profit service-oriented organization located in New York. The organization was founded in 1984 and works to provide services to Chinese immigrants, to help them assimilate into American society and to promote the understanding between immigrants and their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides the Chinese immigrant community with assistance and referral services, as well as free educational programmes and recreational activities. It works closely with the police and other Government agencies to protect the rights and interests of Chinese immigrants, and promotes understanding between Chinese immigrants and other ethnic groups. The organization incorporates educational and cultural exchange into its services and activities, which are attended by Chinese immigrants and other members of the community. It also publishes a free, bilingual journal.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters, and attended the High-level Segments of the Economic and Social Council. It was also active in the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York.

7. Christian Aid

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Christian Aid works globally for a world free from poverty by, inter alia, providing practical and effective assistance to tackle the effects of poverty and its root causes. The organization works in 45 countries and maintains offices in 30 of them.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to expose and eradicate poverty by challenging structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalized, and by working with partners and in alliances to help those in need regardless of religion, ethnicity or nationality. The organization adopts an integrated approach to poverty eradication by working on humanitarian relief, long-term development, specific advocacy issues and campaigns for change and influence.

B. Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization became the first partnership-based agency from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to be certified by the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the United Nations "Financing for Development" process by attending the review conference held in Doha in November 2008, and the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, held in New York in June

2009. The organization also participated in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Geneva in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization engaged with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and with the United Nations Development Programme on international tax cooperation issues. It also worked with the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and was represented at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. The organization is also a member of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and works with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, the organization conducted high-level advocacy work and campaigns on the impact of trade liberalization and financial secrecy on development, and on commitments to the Goals. It also advocated debt cancellation and aid commitments.

8. Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance

Special, 2002

I. Introduction

The Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance has more than 1,000 individual members in the Philippines, comprising families and friends of missing persons, victims themselves and human rights advocates. It has nine regional chapters and formations throughout the country.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to unite the families and friends of persons missing or found, to document cases of involuntary disappearance and to search for the disappeared. It campaigns for and supports victims and their families and works for their rehabilitation and reintegration into society. The organization's programmes include search and documentation, national and international advocacy, organization and education, welfare and rehabilitation, and livelihood and cooperative development.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and Optional Protocol thereto. It is a member of the United Against Torture Coalition and lobbied for the enactment of

the Philippines anti-torture law of 2009. It also participated in drafting civil society parallel reports on the Convention against Torture, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

In 2008, the organization contributed to a joint NGO report, submitted in preparation for the universal periodic review of the Philippines. It also participated in a seminar on the universal periodic review process in 2007, and endorsed an alternative report on the situation of torture in the Philippines, submitted to the Committee against Torture at its forty-second session.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization reported cases of enforced disappearance in the Philippines to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, and contributed at various forums for the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization granted scholarships to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. Its honorary Chair is active in the Philippines House of Representatives and is the principal author of the Reproductive Health and Population Development Act. The organization's programme on livelihoods and cooperative development aims at reducing poverty among its members.

9. Fundación AlvarAlice

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Established in Cali, Colombia, in 2003, the Fundación AlvarAlice is a not-for-profit organization that aims to contribute to a more equitable and peaceful Colombian society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports organizations that execute projects and programmes in areas such as civic action, peacebuilding, education and income generation. Its programmes provide technical training and administrative and financial advice to help disadvantaged people acquire the skills, knowledge and capital they need to generate sustainable income.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes employment and social progress in marginalized communities. It established a cultural and technological centre to help prevent violence in Cali, and funds and supports a microfinance programme that disbursed more than $300,000 during the reporting period, mostly to single mothers and women suffering from forced displacement.

A. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's banking, microfinance, women's empowerment and juvenile justice projects contributed to poverty alleviation in Colombia.

10. Fundación Teletón México

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Fundación Teletón México operates a private system for children's rehabilitation through 15 rehabilitation centres and an institute of higher education in rehabilitation that can care for more than 70,000 patients. The organization operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to safeguard the dignity of people by providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to children with disabilities to promote their development and integration into society. It also supports other centres and organizations that provide rehabilitation, medical, educational and psychological assistance and services to disabled and/or underprivileged children, focusing on those that operate in Latin America or specialize in research, development, education and treatment in the area of paediatric cancer.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated in sessions of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization works to end poverty and hunger in Mexico. It has sent supplies to countries that suffered natural disasters and carries out activities in the areas of maternal and prenatal health care.